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He said it was important for the ulf Arab states to full understand te nature of the threat it in poses. Meanwhile U.N. official are ques-oning Iraq's account of a biologi-al unanous nongram after scover-

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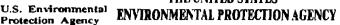
The cense secretary said the them is weapons give Tehran the approxity to harass shipping through the rait of Hormuz, through which is the world's oil is transported, se chemical weapons also could esed to defend islands in the strait at are claimed by both Iran and he United Arab Emirates, Mr. Perry aid.

while Mr. Perry did not say sxactly where the troops or chemical weapons were located, the Pentagon has said the Iranians have increased efenses on one of the



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ANNOUNCES A MEETING AND INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

On The Explanation of Significant Differences For The New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site in New Bedford, Massachusetts

Consistent with Section 117 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), EPA has developed at Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) document for public comment. The document explains the proposed use of the Sawyer Street Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) to store untreated Hot Spot sediments for 4-5 years while other treatment options are evaluated and implemented. This proposed interim storage differs from the original cleanup plan signed in April 1990, which called for short term storage in the CDF as part of an incineration based remedy.

The EPA and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP) is conjunction with the Forum will hold a public meeting on March 28, 1995 at the Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical High School to discuss the propose change and hear citizens' comments. The Forum meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the ESD discussion will begin at 7:00 p.m. Public comments on the proposed onsit storage of Hot Spot sediments will be accepted from March 29 through May 1, 1995

The original cleanup plan called for dredging the PCB Hot Spot sediments, dewater ing, and incineration of the sediments. During that process, untreated sediment woulhave been stored for a short period of time in an onsite, double-lined lagoon (Confine Disposal Facility). However, due to local opposition to incineration, a forum of local and state officials, citizen groups, and state and federal agencies was formed to dis cuss all the concerns. Through the forum a consensus was reached to suspend incin eration plans and instead identify and test alternative methods of treating th sediments. Meanwhile, EPA through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has con tinued dredging of the Hot Spot sediments, and with extensive citizen involvemer has begun the contractual process for performing treatability studies. While treatmer alternatives are being evaluated, the proposal is to continue storing the sediment onsite. Onsite treatability pilot studies are expected to occur late this fall.

A copy of the ESD as well as other information on the New Bedford Harbor Site w be available for public review at the meeting and will be placed in the Administrati Record File, maintained at the following locations:

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Comments or questions concerning the ESD should be post marked no later than Ma 1, 1995 to: David Dickerson, Regional Project Manager, U.S. EPA (HRS-CAN3) Waste Mgt Division, JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203, (617)573-5735.

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